

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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COVERAGE OF ESI/EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to enhance the coverage of Employees State Insurance (ESI) from present 86 lakh to two and a half crore employees, Provident Fund (PF) from 2.6 crore to five crore;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether despite requests to the States to formulate guidelines for creating welfare funds under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996, only three-four States have complied so far; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to impress upon other State Governments to formulate the said guidelines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The enhancement of coverage under the ESI Scheme and EPF Scheme is a continuous process.

(c) & (d): Under the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, States are required to frame the State Rules, constitute the State Advisory Committees and the State Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Boards. The Government of Kerala and Assam have constituted the Welfare Funds under Welfare Boards whereas the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Arunachal Pradesh have completed most of the activities towards completion of the necessary ground work for the implementation of the Act. The other States have been advised to complete the requisite process for implementation of the Act.